IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 1:11 CR 161-1
	)	
JOHNNY REID EDWARDS,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

AMENDED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

COMES NOW James P. Cooney III, the undersigned counsel for the defendant, and files on behalf of Gregory B. Craig this Amended Motion for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel in the above-referenced case.

In support thereof, counsel for the defendant on behalf of Mr. Craig, respectfully states:

1. On June 3, 2011, the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP ("Skadden") by and through counsel, Gregory B. Craig, made a limited appearance on behalf of the defendant Johnny Reid Edwards solely for purposes of the June 3, 2011, arraignment and initial appearance.

2. Skadden no longer represents Mr. Edwards.

3. Mr. Edwards has consented to Skadden's motion for leave to withdraw as his counsel in this case.

4. Because attorneys from three other firms have entered general appearances on his behalf, there is no prejudice to Mr. Edwards in permitting this withdrawal.

Accordingly, pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 57.1, which incorporates by

reference Local Civil Rule 83.1, counsel for the defendant on behalf of Mr. Craig and Skadden, respectfully moves this Court for an order granting leave to withdraw as counsel.

Respectfully submitted, this 19th day of September, 2011.

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